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LAURENS COMPANY RETURNS TO ITS HOME STATION TODAY

Will Reach Laurens About 2:25 P. M.

CROWDS EXPECTED TO MEET THEM

The Boys will be Given a Great Welcome by the Home Folks. Definite Plans for their Reception have not Yet been Made. Away Nearly Six Months.

After a stay away from home of nearly six months, the local military company, called by the home people, the Traynham Guards, and officially styled Co. D, 1st S. C. Infantry, returns today to its home station. The company was mustered out of the reserve service yesterday and resumed its status as a part of the National Guard. The company is expected to arrive on the afternoon train from Columbia, due at the passenger station at 2:25 p. m. A great outpouring of citizens is expected to greet the soldiers upon their return.

The company returned to Camp Moore near Columbia with the other units of the First Regiment Thursday after a stay on the Mexican border of about three months. The regiment was called to the colors by Pres. Wilson on June 8th, when a break with the Mexican de facto government was imminent. The local company was in its armory the following morning and on June 23rd left for Camp Moore near Columbia, where it remained in camp until the first week in August. From there it was sent to El Paso, Tex., where it has been encamped for most of the time. Besides undergoing training to fit them for soldier duty, the regiment was put on patrol duty for several weeks. The regiment acquitted itself well on the border and won high praise for its conduct and efficiency.

Sergeants Eichelberger and Dial and Private Randolph Little were mustered out in Texas. The first two remained in Texas where they have secured employment. Private Little was at home several days ago, but will return West. All the remaining members of the company will arrive today. Capt. Arthur Lee and Lieutenants D. R. Simpson and J. F. Smith will come with them. It is understood that one of the officers will have to return to Columbia for several days to finish the work of checking up.

The Second Regiment and the cavalry troop from Charleston are still on the border and it is not known when they will return.

The men of the First Regiment were given a barbecue and otherwise honored in Columbia Monday, a grand parade being held which was reviewed by Gov. Manning and other officials.

Asa Todd Wounded.

Mr. J. Asa Todd, who was accidentally shot by Allen Barksdale, near Barksdale station Thanksgiving day, is still confined to the hospital and is suffering intense pain from his injury. Mr. Todd and Mr. Barksdale were out hunting Thanksgiving day when the gun of Mr. Barksdale was accidentally discharged, the lead hitting Mr. Todd in the leg. Although serious results are not anticipated, Mr. Todd is suffering much pain from the injury. His many friends hope for him an early recovery.

To Give Christmas Checks.

Cashier Earle Owings said yesterday that the Christmas Savings Club of the Farmers National Bank had been a success from every standpoint and that checks would be handed members of the club this week. The plan has given considerable impetus to savings, he said.

Hearts Made Happy.

Members of the Christmas Savings Club of the People's Loan & Exchange Bank will be gladdened during the next few days when their Christmas savings checks will be handed to them by the bank officials. The savings club was a great success, according to Mr. McCuen, who spoke of it yesterday. The plan far exceeded our expectations, he said, the deposits amounting to at least a third more than they had expected.

Revival Meeting Continues.
The revival services, being conducted at the First Presbyterian church by Rev. Geo. W. Belk, continues to attract large congregations at both morning and evening services. Rev. C. F. Rankin, pastor of the church, has issued an invitation to the public to attend and he would be glad to have anyone, regardless of denominational leanings, to be present. Services are held in the morning and in the evening.

Meeting of D. A. R.

The Henry Laurens chapter, D. A. R., will meet Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. M. L. Copeland.

Geo. Ferguson Here.

Private Geo. Ferguson, of the Traynham Guards, has been in the city several days, having left the company at Columbia. He talks very interestingly of his experiences on the border, but says he does not care for any more of it. All of the boys are well, he said, and are anxious to be home.

Winter Horse Apples.

The latest thing out in the fruit line is the winter horse apple, or rather a second crop horse apple. Capt. J. W. Lanford brought one to the city the other day and was showing it to a group of interested friends. Capt. Lanford stated that the tree that bore this one had about twenty others on it. He kindly presented it to the editor. (Interval here while the editor tries it out). It tasted alright, too. If anybody else has any freaks of this nature, bring 'em along. How about second crop watermelons?



Christmas Sale.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will hold their annual sale in the store room next to the Powe Drug Company Thursday afternoon, Dec. 14th. The public is invited to attend and inspect the many beautiful things they will have for sale.

Brown-Bryson.

Mr. George Bryson, of Mountville, and Miss Laura Brown, daughter of Mr. George P. Brown of near Prospect, were married Wednesday afternoon at Waterloo, at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. R. G. Lee. The bridal party was composed of a number of members of both families and a few friends who made the trip by automobile from the home of the bride to Waterloo. The groom is a young farmer who resides near Mountville, while his bride is a very attractive young lady and possesses many charms and graces.

Newberry Visitors.

Congressman-elect Fred H. Dominick, and H. H. Evans, Esq., of Newberry, were here attending the sales Monday. Mr. Evans, who resided here and was one time mayor of the city, renewed many old acquaintances and told many amusing stories of his experience as "chief executive" of the city at that time. Mr. Evans, through his agents, bought in the Wash Hunter lands.

Rev. W. A. Fairly Arrives.

Rev. W. A. Fairly and family arrived in the city the latter part of last week and are now domiciled in the new Methodist parsonage. Mr. Fairly preached his first sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning and pleased a large congregation with a very interesting and forceful sermon. Rev. J. R. T. Major, who preceded Mr. Fairly, left for Spartanburg last week when he will take up his new duties.

BIG COTTON FIRE IN COLUMBIA.

Fire Destroys Shed, Machinery and 2,500 Bales of Cotton of Warehouse Company.

Columbia, Dec. 2.—The shed, machinery and 2,500 bales of cotton of the Columbia Compress and Warehouse company tonight were destroyed by fire of unknown origin, entailing a loss of \$250,000, which is fully covered by insurance. This morning insurance in the sum of \$35,000 was taken out and \$20,000 of this amount was placed with the South Carolina Fire Insurance company, which was incorporated shortly after the new fire insurance law went into effect in this state.

The fire was discovered at 10:45 o'clock and soon the entire front of the building was a mass of flames and for awhile endangered the plants of the Southern Cotton Oil company, the Texas Oil Company and other nearby industrial plants.

Every member and all the available equipment of the entire Columbia fire department combined in heroic efforts to check the flames which for a time seemed almost uncontrollable. A still night was of decided advantage to the firemen.

At one o'clock the fire appeared to be under control, and there was little danger of fourthers, although some of the cotton was smoldering.

The cotton which was destroyed was located under the shed and this burned quickly. A brick firewall protected several thousand bales of cotton in the warehouse.

Officials of the company were perplexed last night to understand the origin of the fire. Not the slightest indication of a cause had been found and it is very probable that it never will be known as the scene this morning is only one of charred remains.

Disastrous as it was, the fire was also very spectacular and hundreds of people came from all directions on foot, by automobiles and in other conveyances from the city and surrounding suburbs. The glare was visible for miles around and it seemed as if the whole of that industrial section would be wiped out by the conflagration.

Braving the intense heat which held the crowds back at safe distance the firemen dashed to the burning buildings and fought valiantly for nearly two hours. While some of the firemen were overcome there were no serious injuries.

A Successful Football Season Ended.

The Laurens high school team played its last football game of this season against Anderson high school on Thanksgiving. This game was played under adverse circumstances, several of the players being hurt and others away for Thanksgiving, but the team played with its usual grit and skill and tied the score, 3 to 3.

With this game was ended a very successful football season for the local team. Out of eight games played with high school and preparatory school teams, only one game was lost. Greenville has credit for defeating the Laurens team, this being the first games in two seasons. The games played this season are as follows: Wofford Fitting School, two games; Anderson high school, two; Greenwood high school, two; Due West high school, one; and Greenville high school, one. The two games with Wofford and Anderson were tied, so neither of these teams is victor over the other.

The boys of the high school who had the honor of contributing to the success of the team are as follows:

Capt. Hugh Eichelberger, F. E. McFarley, Harry McAlister, C. Earle Langston, R. H. Edwin Fuller, L. H. Charles Crisp, Q. B. Frank Dial and Warren Bolt, R. E. J. L. Langston, L. T. Winfield Fuller, R. G. Farris Martin, A. G. Earle Glenn and Robert McCuen, L. T.

William Lake and John Huggins, L. E. Yeggin Podie, Louis Lanford, Robert McClintock and Marvin Clements, subs. Each of the above mentioned players did good work for the team this season. It is hoped that they will again do their duty toward the team and bring about another successful season. In the meantime attention is given to basketball, track and baseball.

SLAYER OF B. E. WOLFF APPREHENDED IN ARKANSAS

Negro Arrested There for the Crime Said to have Made Full and Free Confession.

That the slayer of Boyce E. Wolff, formerly of this county, who was killed at Lobdell, Miss., in October, has been arrested in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is contained in a news dispatch sent out from that city November 23rd. Readers of this paper will remember that the deceased man, son of Mr. John H. Wolff of the Shiloh section of this county, was killed by a negro laborer on the farm which Mr. Wolff was managing in Mississippi following a dispute over the time of payment of wages due the negro's wife. From the accounts published at that time, it appeared that the killing was done in cold blood and the slayer escaped, killing three negroes as he fled away. Mr. Wolff had been in Mississippi about 2-3 years when he met his death.

The following is the account of the capture taken from a daily paper of that section:

"Pine Bluff, Ark., Nov. 23.—Coy Anderson, negro wanted by the authorities of Bolivar county, Miss., on charge of murder, is under arrest here, and it was announced today by Chief of Police J. Frank Stewart, that the negro has made a full and free confession to him of the crime. Anderson, according to circulars issued by Sheriff G. L. Dean of Rosedale, is wanted for the murder of a white man named B. E. Wolff at Lobdell on Oct. 12, last. Rewards aggregating \$850 have been offered for his arrest, \$100 by the State of Mississippi and \$750 by Bolivar County authorities and people, this portion of the reward being on deposit with a bank at Benoit for the capture of the negro dead or alive.

Sheriff Dean has been informed by telegraph of the arrest and confession of the negro here."

MADE FLAG PRESENTATION.

Miss Julia Irby made Presentation of a Beautiful Silk Flag to Graded School.

Interesting exercises were held in the auditorium of the graded school Wednesday morning preceding the Thanksgiving recess, when a flag was presented to the school by Miss Julia Irby in behalf of the Henry Laurens chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Miss Irby made a very appropriate address for the occasion making a strong appeal to the patriotism of the children. The flag, of beautiful silk texture, was formally unveiled after her speech and the children then arose and sang the Star Spangled Banner. Supt. Parkinson accepted the flag for the school in a few well chosen words and the children then stood and saluted it. It now hangs on the wall in the rear of the stage where the children may see it whenever they enter the auditorium.

Delegates to Commercial Congress.

Gov. R. I. Manning has named the following Laurens county men as delegates to the Southern Commercial Congress, which meets in Norfolk the middle of this month:

M. J. Owings, Laurens; E. P. Winter, Laurens; Brooks Swygert, Laurens; Joe A. Bailey, Clinton; J. W. Copeland, Clinton; R. L. Gray, Gray Court; W. C. Wharton, Waterloo; Capt. J. B. Humbert, Ware Shoals; R. E. D. W. C. Razor, Cross Hill; W. J. Fleming, Ora; Joseph R. Sullivan, Laurens; N. B. Dial, Laurens; T. C. Switzer, Laurens; T. M. Shaw, Laurens; R. E. D.; R. Z. Wright, Clinton; Thad Summerall, Clinton; W. P. Harris, Gray Court; H. H. Mah., Gray Court; R. F. D.; Dr. J. H. Miller, Cross Hill; S. H. Goggans, Cross Hill; W. R. McCuen, Laurens.

Public Installation of O. E. S.

Adah chapter, No. 6, Order Eastern Star, will hold a public installation of officers in the Masonic hall Monday night, Dec. 11th, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting is to be made unusually interesting by the presence of Mrs. Lou H. Monk, Grand Worthy Matron of South Carolina and Miss Nancy L. Bennett, Grand Lectress. Both of these ladies have lectured here several times before and are pleasantly remembered by Laurens people. A musical program will be rendered by the Laurens Quartette and several soloists. Refreshments will be served during the latter part of the evening. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

BACK FROM WASHINGTON.

Deputy Sheriff Claude L. Owings and J. W. Davenport Return with Prisoner.

Deputy Sheriff Claude Owings and Mr. Jim W. Davenport returned Monday morning from Washington, D. C. with Isaac Jones, colored, wanted in this county for killing Willie Martin, near Cross Hill, about fifteen years ago. The trip was made by the Ford route and according to their story of the trip there were few dull moments. They left here last Wednesday and made good time nearly all of the way. With the exception of two punctures, little trouble was had with the automobile, although the car did turn over on them one time just before they reached Washington. They were riding along over some beautifully paved country road when their lights suddenly went out. As they were approaching a short curve, they could not see how to turn so they went over the curb and into an embankment. Nobody was hurt and no damage was done, so they turned the car back over and proceeded on their trip. When they reached Laurens Monday morning with their prisoner, they were a little dusty and tired, but none the worse for the trip.

The negro was located through the means of a letter which he mailed to one of his relatives and which got into the wrong hands. The sheriff and officers have been on his trail for several weeks and were notified last week of his arrest in Washington. He will very likely be tried for his life at the next term of court.

MANY SALES MONDAY.

Large Number Attended Legal Sales and Much Land Changed Hands.

Monday being the legal salesday for December, a large number of people were in the city to attend them. The following sales were made by the county officers of the courts:

Sheriff's Sales.

Home B. & L. association vs Judge Stoddard et al, lot in city of Laurens, sold to A. C. Todd, Att'y., for \$50.

Alice A. McClintock et al vs R. A. Jones et al—Tract No. 1, to T. E. Henry Furnace Co. for \$1,000; Tract No. 2 to V. M. Babb, Agt., for \$1,500.

Master of Greenwood County.

Greenwood Loan & Guarantee Co. vs R. R. Tolbert, Jr., 251 acres in Sullivan township, to T. P. Tolbert, \$7,950.

Clerk of Court.

J. C. Smith, Ind. and as Exec. vs Jennie A. McChesney, 200 acres in Waterloo township, to J. C. Smith for \$1,975.

Sallie V. Blanchett et al vs Mrs. I. Taylor Hill et al, 78 acres to Mrs. Blanchett for \$1,000.

D. M. Beeks vs Hattie Johnson, Tract No. 1, 159 acres, to R. E. Babb, attorney, for \$2,300; Tract No. 2, 913-4 acres, to R. E. Babb, attorney, \$1,300.

J. A. Riddle et al vs R. L. Gray, 54 acres in Youngs township, to J. Allen Riddle for \$1,520.

Martin Wilson vs James Patterson, lot in City of Laurens, to J. W. Henderson, Jr., \$200.

J. W. Allen vs Mrs. Lula Moore, lot in town of Lanford, to Dr. C. D. Hanna for \$1,550.

J. G. Martin vs A. E. Martin et al, lot in city of Laurens, to R. E. Babb, Att'y., for \$75.

A. F. Phillips et al vs A. C. Phillips, 62-1-2 acres, in Waterloo township, to A. T. Phillips for \$1,200.

Scottish American Mortgage Co. vs J. H. Wharton, trustee, Tract No. 1, 58 acres to W. C. Wharton, \$615; Tract No. 2, 275 acres, to Bennett, Shands & McGowan, Attorneys, \$5,800.

Swygert Nickels & Co. vs Arthur D. Putnam et al—Tract No. 1, 34 acres, to Walter L. Armstrong, \$745; Tract 2, 19 acres, to Walter L. Armstrong, \$415; Tract 3, 31 acres, to Mrs. L. M. Peden, \$215; Tract 4, 116 acres, to Mace Langston, \$1,500; No. 5, 27 acres, to M. D. Abrams, \$1,110; No. 6, 115 acres, to A. D. Putnam, agent, \$800; No. 7, 70 acres, to O. B. Simmons and Laurens Glass Works, \$560; No. 8, 78 acres, A. D. Putnam, agent, \$1,240; No. 9, 65-1-2 acres, to Claude L. Owings, \$1,090.

Mitchell Place—Tract 1, 28-1-2 acres, to B. R. Todd, \$1,075; Tract 2, 58 acres, to A. D. Putnam, Agt., \$1,000; Tract 3, 40 acres, to Don Burns, for \$1,320.

Receivers Sale.

Virginia Carolina Chem. Co. vs G. Wash Hunter, et al, entire lot sold to F. H. Dominick, Agt., for \$12,950.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People All Over the County and to Those Who have left the Family Hearthstone.

EKOM NEWS.

Ekum, Dec. 4.—The weather continues fine and the farmers have about gathered in their crops and are sowing grain.

Rev. J. O. Martin preached a fine sermon Sunday. He has preached for us the past two years but will not stay with us another year. We are sorry to see him leave and wish for him success wherever he goes.

We had with us at church Sunday, several visitors, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. J. Wade Culbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Culbertson of Waterloo and they were guests of Mr. R. B. Coley and family. Also Mr. E. E. Pitts and family of the Poplar section, they being guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Caldwell.

Our Thanksgiving exercises by the children were good and despite the inclemency of the weather, we had a very good attendance and a good dinner.

Miss Myrtle Culbertson spent Thanksgiving with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wardell and children of Enoree are spending a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. Margaret Moore and Miss Sara Cooper spent Thanksgiving and a few days with Mrs. Moore's son, Mr. Irby, Box of Spartanburg.

Miss Myrtle Culbertson and brother Roy, had as their guests for a few hours Saturday night, Misses Spiers and Dunwoody, Miss Lonie Cooper and brothers, Jay and Gray, Miss Jessie Culbertson and Mr. Callie Culbertson.

Miss Laurence Culbertson and Mr. Jay Cooper spent Sunday with their friend Miss Winona Chaney of Laurens. While there they attended church at the Second Baptist church, and their hearts were made glad to hear the Rev. J. A. Brock preach one more of his excellent sermons.

Mr. Gary Godfrey of Fountain Inn, spent a few days with his brother, Mr. Floyd Godfrey and other relatives here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Godfrey, on December 2nd, a daughter.

PRINCETON NEWS.

Princeton, Dec. 4.—Dr. C. Q. West and family of Greenville have been visiting relatives in this section.

Cadets Walter Davis and Elbert Freeman of Clemson spent Thanksgiving with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCuen and children together with Messrs Charles McCuen and J. T. Davenport motored to Greenville Friday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Wallace spent the week end with homefolks near Gray Court.

The Literary society of the school here had a meeting Wednesday afternoon and rendered a very interesting Thanksgiving program.

The friends of Mr. B. McCuen will regret to learn that he is right sick at his home near here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cheek of Bolton were week-end visitors of Mr. M. L. Cheek.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gaines Austin, widow of the late Vincent Austin died last Monday about noon at the home of her nephew Frank Gaines near here. She had been in feeble health for a long time and had almost reached her eightieth birthday. She had been a consistent member of Columbia church since her girlhood.

Miss Mary Dargwell, who is teaching at Friendship spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Messrs Dargwell League, Felton Roper and L. Abernethy of Hickory Tavern attended S. S. here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. A. J. Coats and sister, Bernice spent a short while with friends here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. W. H. Carter is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Allen at Honea Path. (Continued on Page Five.)